

Pondweeds *Potamogeton* sp.

Distribution - Cosmopolitan throughout MD in rivers, ponds, reservoirs and tidal freshwater to moderately brackish tributaries of Chesapeake Bay.

Recognition - Range in size from 0.1 to 2 meters tall, with leaves from 1 to 15 cm long. Most species have bimorphic leaves (two distinctly different leaf shapes on a single plant). Many species of pondweeds are extremely difficult to identify.

Reproduction - Primarily by seed.

Comments - Most of the pondweeds are native species. Pictured is *P. spirillus*, one of the smallest of the Chesapeake Bay pondweeds.

